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***AMNESTUS RADIALIS* FROESCHNER, 1960, SENIOR SYNONYM OF *A. SEXDENTATUS* FROESCHNER, 1960 (HEMIPTERA: CYDNIDAE)¹**

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In 1960 I described [Proc. U.S. National Museum, 111(3430)] two species of *Amnestus* separated by a character whose validity I questioned. Each was described from a single specimen: *Amnestus radialis* (ibid, p. 656) from a male from Martinique, W.I., and *A. sexdentatus* (ibid p. 657) from a female from Puerto Rico. The questionable character was the presence of six pegs (instead of the four regularly found in the genus) on the apex of the clypeus of the female. Now available is a series of 10 specimens from Puerto Rico associating females and males of one species. The males clearly represent *A. radialis* and the females have the usual four apical pegs on the clypeus. The facts that these females are definitely associated with males of *A. radialis*, are from the type island of Puerto Rico, have the normal number of four apical pegs on the clypeus, and are in no other way separable from *A. sexdentatus* convince me that my earlier suspicion of a developmental anomaly producing the two extra apical clypeal pegs was correct and that *A. sexdentatus* must be reduced to a junior synonym of *A. radialis*, new synonymy.

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